

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 10, 16, and 29 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 8 and 10, and new claim 35 is claim 16 in independent form. Claims 2-8, 10, 12, 16-19, and 21 depend from claim 1, and claims 29 and 36-45 depend from claim 35. Accordingly, claims 1-8, 10, 12, 16-19, 21, 29, and 35-45 are now allowable. Applicant confirms that claims 28, 31, and 32 are withdrawn based on their being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 6 has been amended to correct the typo noted by the Examiner. Claims 20 and 27 have been withdrawn, making objection to the drawings and the written description rejection moot.

Claims 33 and 34 stand rejected as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 33 has been amended to clarify that the mounting adapter is secured only to the membrane and is not also secured to an initially separate module. If the Examiner's reason for finding claim 33 is drawn to a separate invention is that the language in the claim was ambiguous and that it could be read to cover the mounting adapter being secured to both the membrane and the initially separate insert module, it is respectfully submitted that this ambiguity has been corrected. If there is another reason for the restriction, it is respectfully submitted that claim 33 is only a further clarification of the invention covered in the claims that were found to be allowable. The snap fit cooperation for example, is covered in claim 29. The language "the arrangement being such that any one of a number of different types of insert modules, each having a suitably defined outer profile portion for cooperation with the resiliently

deformable portion can be inserted into the mounting adapter" is merely stating the result of the structure covered in claims 1 and 35. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner remove the restriction requirement with respect to claims 33 and 34. However, if the Examiner does not agree with the foregoing, or does not want to consider it in view of this being an Amendment after Final, it is requested that claims 33 and 34 be withdrawn from this application and that the application be issued with respect to the remaining claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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